

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1 to 34 are pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Allowed Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 5, 7, and 8 are allowed.

III. Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Regarding the provisional double patenting rejection, although the merits of this provisional rejection are not necessarily agreed with, to facilitate matters, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/360,889. The Terminal Disclaimer has been executed by VOLKSWAGEN AG and AUDI AG, assignees of 100 percent interest in the present application by virtue of the following chain of title:

1. Assignment from the inventors, Brian Michael FINN and Shawn K. STEENHAGEN, to VOLKSWAGEN AG, which was recorded in the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 15, 2003, at Reel 014792, Frame 0084, and a copy of which is annexed hereto; and
2. Partial Assignment from VOLKSWAGEN AG to AUDI AG, executed on January 28, 2010, a copy of which is annexed hereto.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this provisional rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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